

I am a patient advocate first and foremost. By trade I am an Integrative Health Coach, and a Patient Navigator.

I have been trying to work closely with Mds to work, and collaborate with naturalpathic physicians for over 10 years. This has not worked well at all. I am seeing that patients stop all together seeing their MDs and i"f" they can afford it will see their NDs solely.

Now the NDs, have limited power to how they can help their patients, because they have one hand tied behind their backs due to a 90 year old ruling. At least these patients are being treated and many with great success without the medication.

Unfortunately many insurance's do not cover NDs, like medicare, or medicaid. Now I know that there is a proposal sitting on Senators desk that complimentary/alternative care providers are covered by medicare and medicaid. Myself and others worked closely with the Obama administration's reform to the new "Affordable Care Act".

Change is coming and I will like Connecticut to be one of the accommodating and respectful states moving in the right direction.

As a patient that lives in the United States of America should have the freedom to choose what dr I choose to treat my disease, or my preventing care.

We can only make Connecticut a better place to live if we had this choice regardless of our income, or healthcare plan.

I am talking to people on support groups on facebook. Many cannot afford naturalpathic treatments and do not want to take advice from their medical doctors to treat their diseases. They are out their treating their diseases on their own with supplements and diet changes.

We need to get on track here. What I would love to see is that NDs have access to hormone drugs, intravenous drugs for chelation, oxygen and the such. Vitamin intravenous, and injection use.

This would be a great start! This is truly missing in our state of CT. There is no competition in this area.

If the concern is for the wallet of the MD, then just have them work closely with NDS on patient concern maybe add a patient navigator to be the bridge between the 2!

Give NDs limited drug prescriptions like the ones I mentioned above. its definitely NOT a concern for the wallet of the drug companies, in fact they drug companies would make even more of a profit with this ruling.

Thank you

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